CONSTITUTION

OF

PICTOU COUNTY

Temperance League.

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PREAMBLE.

Whereas, the use and traffic in Intoxicating Liquors as beverages are injurious to the best interests of society and dishonoring to God, and demand for their suppression the active and united exertions of the friends of humanity and religion;

And *Whereas*, the various temperance organizations in this County have the common object of suppressing the vice of intemperance and traffic in intoxicating liquors, but have no common mode of action or unity of effort in pursuit of that object;

And *Whereas*, the institution of a central association, in which the various temperance organizations may be represented, and through which they may combine their energies, concentrate their operations, and express their wishes and decision, would enable them to attain that unanimity of sentiment and unity of action so essential to success;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That a county league or association be instituted for the attainment of the objects mentioned in the foregoing preamble.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.—This association shall be denominated the "PICTOU COUNTY TEMPERANCE LEAGUE."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.—The object of this League shall be to unite the efforts of the various temperance associations in this county, for the advancement of the cause, but especially in the employment of temperance lecturers, the circulation of temperance literature, and in action regarding the civil law.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.—*Sect.* 1.—This League shall be composed of certified delegates from the several temperance associations in this county, and all resident clergymen as honorary members.

Sect. 2.—It shall be the duty of each association in connection with the League to elect annually as many representatives to this League as it may deem advisable, and also to furnish the League with an annual report.

Sect. 3.—Delegates may be elected at any

time to fill vacancies, or to represent an organization joining during the year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS. — *Sect.* 1.— The officers of this League shall be, a President, nine Vice Presidents (three for each township), a Secretary, and a Treasurer: all to be elected annually, by ballot, in July.

Sect. 2.—The officers shall constitute an executive committee for carrying into effect the decisions of the League, and for the general control of its operations, and shall present an annual report of their doings.

Sect 3.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the League, and to call special meetings when a majority of the officers request it.

Sect. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, in the absence of the President, to preside, in the order of their election; to further the objects of the League in their respective townships, by the formation of temperance societies, where it is found practicable; the holding of public meetings as frequently as possible in the several sections of their township; and procure contributions to the funds of the League.

Sect. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings; to prepare and forward to each organization blank

annual returns; to prepare the annual report; and to perform such other duties as the League or its officers may direct; and shall receive such remuneration for his services as the League may determine.

Sect. 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold all the funds of the League, and to pay all such orders or bills as are signed by the President and Secretary, and present an account in July.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS.—*Sect.* 1.—The funds of the League shall be raised by voluntary donations, by collections at public temperance meetings, and by means of county temperance bazaars.

Sect. 2.—The funds of the League shall be expended in the employment of temperance lecturers; the circulation of temperance literature; and in any way that the officers may deem best calculated to secure its objects.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.—*Sect.* 1.—The regular meetings of the League shall be half-yearly; and special meetings, to be held at any time and place by vote of the League, or by request of a majority of the officers.

Sect. 2.—The regular meetings shall be held alternately in Pictou and New Glasgow, during the months of January and July; the day and

hour to be determined by the President. The July meeting to be the annual one.

ARTICLE VII.

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.—No alteration or amendment shall be made in this Constitution, except by a two-third vote of the members present at a general meeting.